

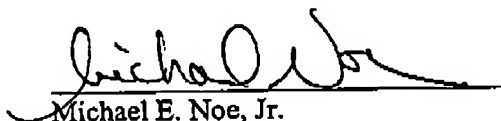
**REMARKS**

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 10-20 and the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the rejection of Claims 3-6. Accordingly, the language of canceled Claim 3 was added to Claim 1, which is now allowable along with dependent claims 2 and 4-9.

Applicant has provided the proper status identifier (original) for Claim 12, which was inadvertently omitted in the previously submitted Amendment A, in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121).

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.

Respectfully submitted,



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